(b) What is the estimated decline in foreign exchange earnings as a consequences thereof; and

(c) What steps have been taken by Government to make good the losses ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANA3 MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) It is difficult to quantify the losses suffered on account of the plague. Exporters expressed the opinion that the outbreak of plague had delayed their export shipments to certain destinations, some orders were also cancelled. Total exports during the month of October are estimated at $2198 million which are 26.9% higher compared to exports recorded in October, 1993.

. 'sport of used/Second hand Automobile Engines

*68. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the import of used/ second hand automobile engines is allowed from abroad;

(b) if not, the reasons there for;

(c) whether such import is banned uuder some presseure from industrial houses in India for their benefit;

(d) Whether Government are aware that interest of common consumers are affected by this ban; and

(e) Whether this ban will be lifted imder the liberalized policy of Government?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Under the, current Export and Import Policy-! 992-97, Import of consumer durables and second-hand goods including used/second-hand automobile engines (except capital goods) in the Restricted list of imports.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Governn rut considering liberalisation of the import of used/second hand automobile engines on account of non -.availability of spare parts for the and maintenance and environmental pollution.

Lack of Coordination between Ministries Leading to B Export Growth

*69. SHRL N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI CHATURAN MISHRA:.

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a faci that the recent decline in export growth is the result of lack of coordination between the Finance and Commerce Ministries as has been alleged by the Managing Committee of the Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to solve the problem ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir. Export growth has not been affected "^cently due to any lack of coord i within the Government. Infaet export growth has been steadily increasing in recent months and is estimated to be about 14% in April-October 1994 compared to April-October, 1993.

(b) Does not arise.

Scheme for elimination of chM jijfajur

*70. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA::
SHRI SUSHIL KJiVlAR SAMBHAII RAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact tliat a estimated 20 lakhs children are e

jresent employed in the hazardous ndustries of the country and if so, he break-up thereof, industry-wise;

(b) whether Government has >ledged to the United Nations to :liminate child labour by the year !000 through a detailed well phased >rogramme of action;

(c) whether it is also a fact that jovernment have drawn up a scheme or the elimination of child labour rom the hazardous industries;

(d) if so, the main features there-if; and

(e) by when it is likely to be mplemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE)F THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, iir. The break-up of child labour idustry-wise is not maintained.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Hon'ble Prime Hinister in his address on the 15th August, 1994 had announced that bout two million children engaged 1 hazardous occupations are requi-ed to be taken out of such occupa-ions and put into schools. FoUow-ng up on the Prime Minister's an-louncement, Government is in the >rocess of formulating a compreheo-ive scheme to cover two million hildren engaged in hazardous oc-:upations by the year 2000. These hildren are expected to be with-Irawn from tbe world of work and iverted to special schools which will nable them to attend regular schools rom the Vlth Class. In addition, it

proposed to raise the income-*t* /els of the parents of the children who are being brought out of hazardous occupations through other schemes of the Government. These, inter alis, include schemes like IRDP, Employment ;urance Scheme and FRY. In order to ensure proper convergence of schemes of the various Ministries/Departments of the Government of India to effectively implement the proposed pro-gramme announced by the Prime Minister th-National Authority for the Elimination o[f] Chil" Labour has aheady been ciea'ed.foapy 'u«ex'-ij *(See* below).

tation of the scheme is scheduled to commence during the current financial year.

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provisions as i-i down m Ihe Constitution of India with regard to prohibition of employ ment of children .s em ployments, the ILO Standards concer ning employment of Child labour and the need for systematic on to progressively eliminate child labour altogether, the Government of India has decided to constitute a National Authority for Elimination of Child Labour. Penid.ng creation of an autonomous statutory body for tha purpose, it has been decided to constitute the Authority as under :—

1. Minister of State for Labour . . . . . .
2. Secretary, Ministry of Labour . . . . . Member
3. Secretary, Expenditure, Ministry of Finance . . . Member
4. Secretary, Department of Women & Child Development, Ministry of Human Resource Development . . . . . Member
5. Secretary, Department of Education, Ministry of human Resource Development . . . . . Member
. Secretary, Ministry of Textiles . . . . . Member

7. Secretary, Ministry of Welfare . . . . . Member
8. Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development . . . Member
9. Secretary, Department of Health Ministry of Health . . . Member
10. Secretary, Department of Family Welfare Ministry of Health and Family Welfare . . . . . Member
11. Secretary, Ministry of I & B . . . . . Member
12. Director Incharge of Child Labour, Ministry of Labour . Member-Secretary

The functions of the National Authority for Elimination of Child I ahour will be :—

(i) to lay down the policies and programme for elimination of child labour particularly in hazardous employments.

(ii) to monitor the progress of implementation of programmes, project and schemes for elimination of child labour.

(iii) to co-ordinate implementation of child labour elimination related projects of the various sister Ministrie? of the Government of India.

ORDER

Ordered that a copy of the Resolution be communicated to all th e Members. Ordered also that the Resolution be published in the Gazette of India for general infi tion.

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Monitoring of prices of essentia commodities

*7l. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA :

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUP PLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had selected 12 essential commodities to keep a regular watch on their prices availability, shortages etc;

(b) if so, the details of these items und the reasons for not placing a watch on more essential items;

(c) if so, what are the details ol the selling prices of these 12 item; prevailing at present and how die these compare with the prices in each of the last 12 months;

(d) the details of the items whos prices kept on rising and the statu of their availability ; and

(e) the details of the items whicl have not been made available to tb consumers through the outlets of th Super Bazar and the Kendriy; Bhandar and the steps taken to ensu their availability at all times in al the branches ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVI1 SUPLL1ES, CONSUMER AFFAIR AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRl A. K. ANTONY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rice, Wheet, Arhar dal, Gram dal, Potatoes, Onions, Tea